

## Prairie fire no cause for alarm



Facilities Management tree surgeon Matt Leigh, of Bunker Hill, watches the prairie just South of Bluff Hall burn on Tuesday during one of the campus' prescribed prairie burns. This practice is essential to the overall health of the ecosystem and helps control the spread of non-native species.

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### Alestle Staff Report

Approximately five acres of wild Illinois prairie were scorched during a controlled burn Tuesday morning at the northeast corner of Whiteside and Stadium Drives, close to Bluff and Evergreen residence halls.

SIUE Police Department dispatcher Anita Dell said the fire was a planned event and she was notified about it in the morning.

Steve Brandenburg, assistant director for Building Services and Grounds, said the burn had been postponed because of inclement weather.

"It was too windy last week to do the brush fires, so we decided to do it Friday but then it rained Thursday and frosted on Friday [March 9]," Brandenburg said.

According to Facilities Management, the annual controlled burns help to keep the wild prairie grass healthy.

"Generally, people think you're starting a big mess, and that's not it," Brandenburg said. "It's a way to control undesirable species of grass in that area. We try to burn it every year."

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## New technology brings fresh hope

COURTNEY HILL  
Alestle Reporter

Students and faculty at the East St. Louis Charter High School recently celebrated the opening of their new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classroom, a state-of-the-art space for students pursuing the STEM fields.

For them, the classroom dubbed the East St. Louis 21st Century STEM Learning Center, is not only a high-tech space for enhanced learning, but also signifies renewed hope for the East St. Louis region.

Sharon Locke, director of the Center for STEM Research, Education and Outreach, said the new space will provide students with the proper tools for successful careers in STEM.

"In communities such as East St. Louis, which tend to have higher rates of poverty, sometimes students in those communities have less exposure to their career possibilities," Locke said. "For those students that do have that

interest and motivation to pursue science and math as a career, we want them to come to understand that a career is possible for them."

According to Barbara Lane, a science teacher at the East St. Louis Charter High School, the classroom will provide greater access to materials that were not as attainable beforehand.

"We've just muddled through as best we can while keeping the learning going, but now we know that this [classroom] provides more Internet connection power," Lane said. "I hope that the students really get into design and really understand each feature of design."

The learning center, which accommodates 24 students at a time, features an assortment of advanced learning materials, including large LCD monitors for teleconferences, robotics equipment, iPads with corresponding HDMI inputs and a fabrication lab for 3-D imaging and printing. To enhance creative thinking, there are glass panels and parts of the actual walls that can be writ-

ten upon with markers.

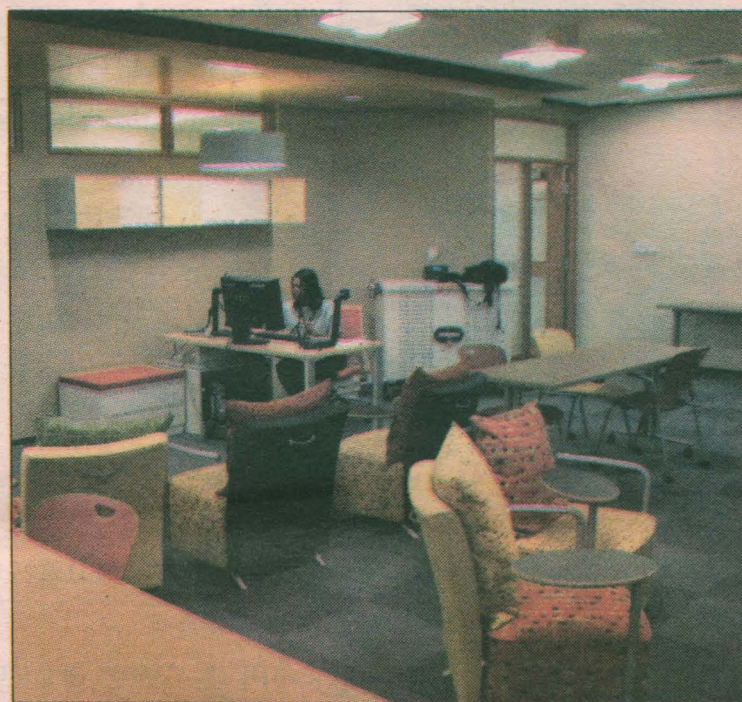
Several students were given the opportunity to design many aspects of the 1,300-square-foot space, with the objective being practical, interactive learning in a relaxed environment.

High school junior Brandon Rice, of East St. Louis, said he is proud to take part in the design process by picking out the technologies that would be available.

"I felt really good to be a part of this, [and] I was really excited," Rice said. "[The classroom] will keep students interested and more engaged in what they're supposed to be doing. It'll help us collaborate more."

Despite the excitement among students and faculty alike, including the new space within the teaching curriculum has been a challenge, and administrators are currently weighing several options for courses. Gina Washington, director of the East St. Louis Charter High School, said classes will definitely begin in fall 2012.

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Veronica "Gina" Washington, director of SIUE East St. Louis Charter High School, prepares the STEM Learning Center classroom for the upcoming selection of students interested in studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students helped design the space to fit their needs.

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# Student Government decides fate of student organizations' funding

**ANDREW RICHARDS**  
Alestle Reporter

Student organizations on campus will be able to request only \$600 for travel money starting fall 2012 after Student Government passed a revision along with several others, March 2.

Senator Andrew Pearson was the only vote against the travel amount decrease from \$675.

"Student organizations make the effort to go out and request student funds, and want to go travel and spread SIUE's name," Pearson said. "They are doing SIUE a service by getting their name out there as long as they are representing the school well. That's something I want to en-

courage. I do not want to make it more difficult for organizations to spread our school's name."

The Finance Board voted Feb. 24 to pass the travel request amount at \$550, but Senator Nick Mehner thought that was too high a drop too quickly.

Mehner voted against the drop in the aforementioned meeting and also requested the amount be changed at the Student Senate meeting to \$600.

Another revision included dropping program request funds for student organizations from \$10,000 to \$7,000.

The reason behind the drop was that Financial Officer Allie Tipton said \$10,000 was not often requested by student organizations, and \$7,000 program

requests would save SG money so more small programs could be funded in the future.

SG also passed Senator Harry Zollars' proposal for collaboration between Web Radio and the Student Senate.

The bill details how senators could participate in live Web Radio chats, which can be heard online.

According to Zollars, the chats will center mainly on what is going on in SG meetings, committees and beyond.

SG approved a program request of \$3,100 for the Gay-Straight Alliance to bring guest speaker Robyn Ochs to campus on April 24.

Ochs will be expected to speak during the "Bisexuality

101 and Beyond" and "Expanding our Circles" programs from 7-10:30 p.m. in the Student Success Center, room 1203.

SG denied funding to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s appeal for \$1,175 for its "10 Pearls and 2 Rubies" program, after the sorority failed to tell how the program would relate to SIUE's male student population. The program consisted of jewelry-making workshops.

Senior biology major Nikita Anderson, of Centerville, was one of the representatives that spoke on Sigma Gamma Rho's behalf.

"We have actually talked to our professional guest [Terestia Robinson], who is actually a celebrity jewelry designer," An-

derson said. "We asked her if she could bring some stuff that will also be attractive in the jewelry-making process. We are hoping that a lot of the guys here will be interested in doing that because it is, like we said, of interest to everyone."

Tipton said another downfall of the program was that it did not promote cultural diversity on campus.

Sigma Gamma Rho was also denied funding by the Finance Board in February after failing to include the same information.

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"A full implementation will begin next school year, [and] my goal would be that all 125 students enrolled will have STEM lessons taught to them in the lab," Washington said. "We're in the

planning stages, so it's a work in progress. We don't just want to go in there to say we've been in there. We want to do it the right way."

Test courses will be initiated as early as this month to assess

how students interact with the new environment. Lane said these trial courses are very important since the room involves the latest technology.

"We're hoping that the students will be enthused and re-

spectful enough to really give it their best," Lane said. "We really have to watch out for pitfalls that would then turn the students off. There will be research on the effects of [the classroom's technology] as well."

The state-of-the-art classroom was constructed to fulfill one of several initiatives put forth

said. "He wanted to give back to the community from his childhood to see if he could make a difference."

Possibilities for more high-tech classrooms at the East St. Louis Center are in mind for the future. But for the moment, students like Rice say they are grateful for the opportunity and are

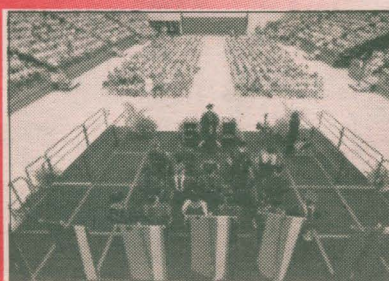
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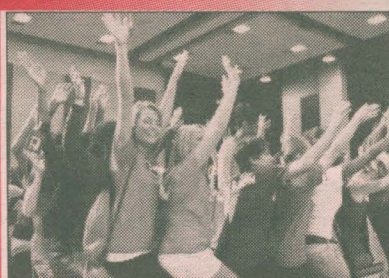
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# Pay it forward.

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Brandon Rice  
East St. Louis  
Charter High School student

by SIUE's Defining Excellence fundraising campaign, a push to improve university performance in the Metro East region through new programs, buildings and opportunities.

According to Patrick Hundley, Vice Chancellor of University Relations and CEO of the SIUE Foundation, the STEM classroom was made possible by a \$1 million donation from The ROHO Group, Inc. Chairman Richard Graebe, an SIUE alumnus and East St. Louis native with a deep-seated interest in the community.

"Mr. Graebe grew up in East St. Louis. He's in his later years now and has made a great deal of money over the years," Hundley

looking forward to the new venture that will prepare them for their futures.

"This is an exciting thing for us right now, and everyone feels it is a step in the right direction," Rice said. "Even kids that weren't thinking about science and technology are now thinking about science and technology. A lot of students don't know what they want to become, so I think it's really inspiring them to do what they want to do. My goal is to become a mechanical/biotech engineer."

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We try to burn it every year."

A few Bluff Hall residents were especially taken aback at the fire. Freshman biology major Amber Woodworth, of Springfield, said her roommate first alerted her to the fire.

"She opened the window and was like, 'Why is there a fire?'" Woodworth said. "We ... had to dodge it so all the ashes did not get on our clothes."

Woodworth said the @SIUEprobz Twitter account also noted there was a fire.

"[A tweet said] something about it raining ash at SIUE, and it got retweeted several times," Woodworth said.

Freshman biology major Krystal Thompson, of Chicago, said she had no idea there was a fire.

"They could've sent an email or e-alert or something," Thompson said.

Chief Information Officer Jennifer Vandever explained the process of using an e-Lert.

"Facilities Management would have to send the [request to use the] listserv to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office," Vandever said. "[The use of the student listserv] has to be approved."

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lora Flamm-Miles said she was unaware of any request being made to notify students by email.

"We have not received a request from Facilities Management to send out [a notification] to the student listserv," Flamm said.

Housing Director Michael Schultz could not be reached for comment.

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# SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

## 3-4-12

Several officers responded to the 400 side of Cougar Village for what sounded like a woman screaming in the woods and determined that it was an animal in the woods.

A caller reported an unwelcome female in her car refusing to get out. The caller then stated the subject got out of the vehicle and kicked it repeatedly, leaving a dent. The subject left the scene and was stopped by officers on Cougar Lake Drive. Officers arrested Diamond O. White for criminal damage to a motor vehicle. She was taken to the police department, processed and

released after posting \$150 bond.

## 3-5-12

Several officers met with a faculty member in the Science Building to report tampering with his university computer. The files were wiped from it.

## 3-9-12

A caller requested the police department respond to an argument she was having, regarding geese, with a woman who was chasing geese around near 423 Cougar Village. She told the woman to stop, and the woman "got in her face" and began yelling at her.

## 3-13-12

Several officers responded to the second floor hallway of 414 Cougar Village regarding a female subject on the floor, unresponsive but breathing. Edwardsville EMS was dispatched. Stephanie R. Swaney was taken into custody and taken to the police department, where she was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor, processed and released after posting \$150 bond.

A caller reported two students sunbathing on the roof of Prairie Hall.

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- small claims
- administrative agency matters

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- Matters involving one eligible student against another.

#### Appointments

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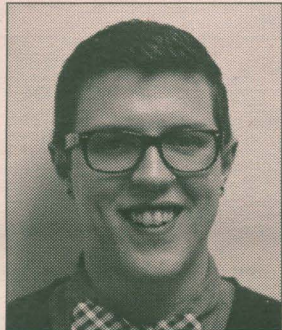
# 2012-2013 Student Government candidate statements

SG elections will be held April 2 and 3. Students can vote in the Morris University Center or online at mySIUE



**Jim Engracia**  
Presidential  
Candidate

I want to improve the overall retention of students and have them happily say, "I am going back to the 'e!'" semester after semester. Increasing student involvement especially for commuters, providing discounts for students, and providing services like Safe Ride are just some ways I believe it will help retention.



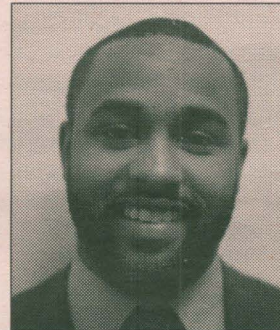
**Erik Zimmerman**  
Presidential  
Candidate

My goal, while in office, will focus on two connected concepts. I want to continue to help the administration take a proactive approach to student safety and wellness, and I want to continue to work with the university to ensure a student-first mentality.



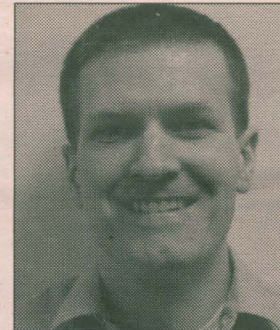
**Sekinat Lawal**  
Vice Presidential  
Candidate

As vice president, I would try to better the relationship between students and Parking Services and Dining Services. Also, I would like to better the interactions across races and groups and continue to make SIUE a premier university.



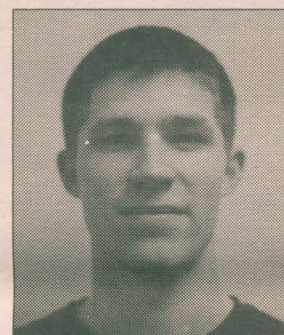
**Sean Crawford**  
Vice Presidential  
Candidate

Serving the SIUE students and the community for two years has opened my eyes to many things. There are issues concerning Parking Services, as well as Health and Dining services, that need to be addressed. As vice president, I will try my best to make sure your voices are heard.



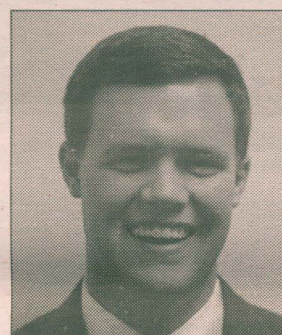
**Andrew Pearson**  
Vice Presidential  
Candidate

As vice president I will continue to represent the student voice of SIUE in a responsive and responsible manner. My experiences as a non-traditional student, student leader of multiple schools and Army veteran give me a great foundation to provide SG with sound leadership and direction. Vote Pearson!



**John Brandon**  
Student Trustee  
Candidate

If elected to the office of student trustee, I plan on faithfully representing the views of the student body to the board of trustees. I will be as equal as possible to the varied groups of student interests, as I know the position entails the greater good of the university.



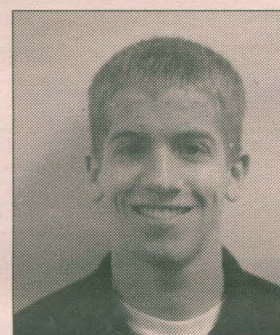
**David Hamilton**  
Student Trustee  
Candidate

As student trustee, I will work to further legitimize SIUE as a premier metropolitan university while never losing sight of the financial burdens that higher education can accrue. My experience with multiple student organizations, academic departments, campus workplaces and university administrators will ensure qualify leadership in any circumstance.



**Jeremy Asiedu**  
Senate Candidate

If granted the privilege to serve as your senator, I would be fully committed to serving the student body. I would make everything from fees, academics and living conditions my number one priority. Vote for me so that I can assist in taking your campus to the next level.



**Tyler Becker**  
Senate Candidate

As student senator, I will improve student services by abridging the gap of communication with faculty. I will promote on-campus involvement by creating more social and service opportunities for students. I also will make certain that our university continues to play a major role in the growing Edwardsville community.



**Jon Calvin**  
Senate Candidate

My one goal as a student senator is to increase the level of pride throughout the SIUE student body. I want every student on this campus to remember their experience at SIUE. Through increasing publicity of our athletics, academics, Greek life and our student organizations, I can do just that.



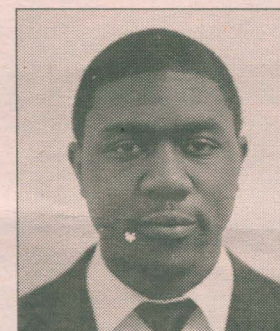
**Tim Ernst**  
Senate Candidate

My most general aim as student senator will be to ensure that the students of this university are properly represented in all aspects of campus life and university decision-making through limitation of hierarchical missteps and to help promote equality and cooperation amongst all sectors of the student body.



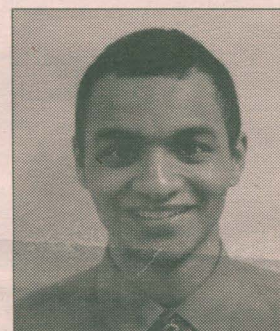
**Chris Foster**  
Senate Candidate

While in office, I will execute the Safe Ride Program; nothing is more important than the safety of our students. Also, I will continue working with Parking Services to get one universal parking pass. Finally, I will continue work with the Edwardsville community to help better relations with SIUE students.



**Taofik Adesina Gafari**  
Senate Candidate

I intend to improve student life on campus academically and socially, to promote joining student organizations, to lobby for student interest and to promote healthy living on campus.



**Tre Martin**  
Senate Candidate

While being in office, I will try to promote a better learning, living and social environment for everyone here at SIUE. I will strive to get community support and involvement for our school. Also, I plan on listening to student concerns regarding our school and advocating them to Student Government.



**Nick Mehner**  
Senate Candidate

If re-elected to the position of senator, I hope to improve the parking system here at SIUE. I will also work to provide students with more food options through Center Court, Skywalk Cafe and the University Restaurant. Finally, I hope to get hours of buildings, such as the library, extended.





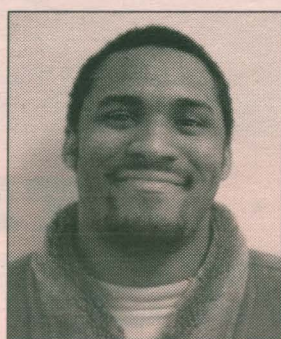
**Nolan Middendorf**  
Senate Candidate

I plan to represent the student body to the best of my ability and hope that I can be involved with many great things that happen here at SIUE.



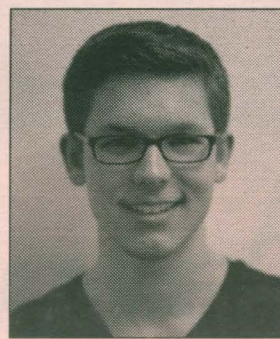
**Aleah Millburg**  
Senate Candidate

If elected to student government, I hope to bring a fresh perspective on issues of conflict and aid in the search for amicable resolutions. One issue, in particular, that I would like to tackle during my time in office is the frequent miscommunication between the student body and faculty members.



**Milton R. Patch**  
Senate Candidate

I plan to bring new legislation to the student body and represent all organizations equally. I will accomplish my task of improving the diversity on campus while also informing all the students of the issues at hand while pushing for transparency within our student government.



**Connor Perkins**  
Senate Candidate

As a student senator, I will be a fervent representative of the student body's general interests. With these interests in mind, along with the university's mission and purpose, I plan on making SIUE campus life more healthy, safe, sustainable, and conducive to exemplary achievement and academic success.



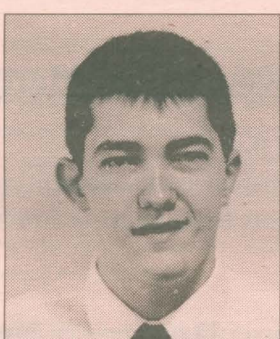
**Roberto Saenz**  
Senate Candidate

As a senator I will vow to encourage more cohesiveness between student organizations while trying to increase the effectiveness of distribution of allocations for campus organizations. Also, I will try to increase the availability of jobs on campus for undergraduate students and the number of graduate assistantships for graduate students.



**Stephanie Sandifer**  
Senate Candidate

If elected as a student senator, I will do my best to represent the student body of SIUE. Doing so, I will make every student's experience at SIUE the best it can be. I will make sure there are many opportunities for students to get involved within the SIUE community.



**Christian Slifer**  
Senate Candidate

I plan to continue to advance the will of the students so that their best interest is kept in mind. I will also extend the good name of SIUE even further through helping to organize philanthropy events.



**Tyler Urish**  
Senate Candidate

If elected senator, I will represent the student body and work to make SIUE a better campus for everyone. I will be a voice of the people and I will strive to create a better campus experience for everyone and ensure that all students feel they belong here at SIUE.

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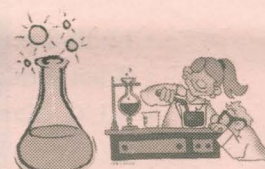
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**11 a.m.-Noon**

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**11 a.m.-Noon**

Spatial Domains Among West Africa's Edo  
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Space Freedom of Movement and Israel's "Separation  
Barrier": An Interactive Installation and Performance  
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Human Exploration of Space  
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What Writers Write About When They Think About Space  
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**2-3:30 p.m.**

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Space: Our Past, Present and Future in  
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MUC, Hickory/Hackberry

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**6 p.m.**

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## Staff Editorial: Kony 2012 conundrum

One of the biggest trends on Facebook lately has been the Kony 2012 campaign video by the humanitarian group Invisible Children.

The campaign video is calling for U.S. military support/financial aide in the capture of Joseph Kony, leader of the rebel group Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda and throughout central Africa.

Kony may be a horrible person, he may be guilty of terrible war crimes and he may deserve punishment for his actions, but he is not worthy of a billion dollar war. And the idea that sharing a video or purchasing a \$30 campaign kit will bring this monster to justice is almost as absurd.

Osama Bin Laden had an international arrest warrant issued in 1998, was put on the FBI's 10 most wanted fugitives list in 1999, and had a \$25 million bounty when he was killed in 2011. It took 13 years to bring this man to justice, and that was with international support. And to bring Bin Laden to justice made little positive impact on the war in Afghanistan or Al Quida's influence.

Kony was placed on the top of International Criminal Court's most wanted listed in 2005, six years ago already.

American soldiers have already served in Uganda on an advisory level. Still, Kony walks freely.

There is no guarantee that the wars throughout Africa will end when Kony is captured. Africa has been rife with conflict for decades, and ridding the continent of one warlord will not give it peace. This is one of the current major problems in capturing Kony.

The hunt for Osama Bin Laden did receive some international support, receiving that kind of support among a majority of the African nations would be a much larger challenge. The governments in central Africa are sovereign states and it has been obvious that getting these states to work together can be extraordinarily difficult.

While we support the fact that Kony must be properly found guilty and condemned in an international court, the path that Invisible Children and so many Facebook users are taking is minimally successful at best and based more on a quick buck at worst.

A big part of Invisible Children's spending is on their films. And paying for these films comes partially from the profits

made by selling campaign kits.

A small portion might go toward the education and health of these young men and women kidnapped, enslaved and raped by Kony, but not nearly enough of it.

And the goal of this campaign is, in its essence, to get people to spend money. Asking people to put up signs and wear bracelets does not push the issue throughout the different levels of government.

While yes, it might succeed in raising awareness for the day, or at least until April 20, that awareness and money spending really does little work toward the goal of capturing Joseph Kony.

Instead of asking for money for campaign signs (casually ignored by so many Americans thanks to it being an election year), the campaign should focus on making the African states sign on to one agreement: Kony does not receive any amnesty. The campaign should continue to focus on spreading awareness and take advantage of the free tools available to it including Facebook.

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## Pedestrian-perception problems prevalent

Driving onto campus, there are signs that say,

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If only people driving on University Drive cared, too.

I spent a good deal of my youth in a city setting.



**Michelle Beard**  
Editor in Chief

In cities, walking is a norm. In cities, there are sidewalks, crosswalks and the extremely frowned upon option to jaywalk. In cities, it is understood that pedestrians have the right

of way. At SIUE, I've seen drivers yield for geese more than for pedestrians.

There are enough regulatory signs on campus that there is no excuse for such reckless driving.

The speed limit through campus is 25 mph. But not too long ago, I had a close encounter with a speeding SIUE-marked vehicle. It was close enough that, if I were as oblivious to cars as drivers were to pedestrians, I would have sustained some significant injuries.

The crosswalks are clearly marked with two to three fluorescent yellow signs, yet there have been at least three students who have been hit by cars on campus this year.

The only excuse drivers have in not seeing a pedestrian is inattention. Pedestrians

don't typically spontaneously appear in crosswalks just to spite drivers. It's easy to get distracted while driving with talking on the phone, fiddling with the radio, texting — which is illegal — or searching your backseat for the textbook you're not sure you remembered to bring that day.

I'm sure there are plenty of safe, pedestrian-conscious drivers at SIUE, but I have yet to cross the street in front of them. Other drivers, please remember that you have a significant advantage over pedestrians, and "I didn't see him" is hardly a valid excuse if faced with vehicular manslaughter.

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## Stagger Inn to open mic night

Downtown bar hosts local musicians for more than 25 years

LEXI CORTES

Alestle Opinion Editor

When performers from as far as England, Spain and even Iran visit Edwardsville, they head to the Stagger Inn to play their music, according to Butch Moore of Edwardsville, host of the Sunday open mic nights.

"Because you can get on the Internet and Google 'open mic nights,' I've had people from New York; I've had people from England," Moore said. "It was awesome. We had these really good guitar players from Iran. We've had a guy from Spain. These kids are foreign students, so I had them [perform here] like four years."

Jordan Harper, of Edwardsville, has been helping out with open mic nights since he left the military in 2005. He said he is still surprised when out-of-state performers come to Stagger.

"This is just my hometown bar, and people are coming from different states to come and play here," Harper said. "It's pretty amazing."

Moore said one of the best things about hosting the open mic nights for 27 years is all of the interesting people he has met and the talent he has seen, and not just from musicians.

"I've had magicians, comedy acts, po-

etry readings," Moore said. "I've had people rap. I've had bands that [play] reggae, blues, country, bluegrass. I've had kids as young as 9 years old and as old as 80-something come up and play. Everything's accepted. That's what I want. It's different every Sun-

three or four performers every Sunday, but Moore said he has seen as many as 17 come out before, and he always asks them to return.

"It's an opportunity to get people out of their bedrooms and houses and get them

**"Sometimes you sit there in awe. Sometimes you sit there plugging your ears..."**

Jordan Harper  
Edwardsville

day."

Harper said he always enjoys the diversity in the performances from people of all talent levels.

"You get to see so many different styles of music and people actually coming out of their shells and coming out and playing," Harper said.

"Sometimes you sit there in awe. Sometimes you sit there plugging your ears."

Stagger typically hosts

in front of people," Moore said. "It's not a competition. This isn't 'American Idol.' Nobody's judging you. I've always

been an encourager for music, even some of the total beginners.

Get out here and play."

SIUE alumna Robin Hileman, of Edwardsville, said she began her music career on Stagger's stage and Moore definitely fostered her talents.

"I always call Stagger my old stomping grounds," Hileman said. "Coming up here as a young college student, I didn't know many people, and everyone was just so welcoming. Butch [Moore] always makes you feel so comfortable and at ease. It doesn't matter your talent level. You always get applause and encouragement. It's a very good place for new musicians to get their feet wet and it's fun to just keep coming back over the years [to] hang out."

Hileman said she was only 18 years old when she first performed at Stagger, and she was so nervous her father had to accompany her on stage. Twenty-one years later, she was at Stagger singing to her father on his birthday.

"He played a huge part in me playing music," Hileman said.

Erin Jo Enochs, of Edwardsville, also first performed at Stagger when she was 18 years old and has been back countless times since then.

"This was the first place I played openly," Enochs said. "They let me come in. They're like 'You can't drink, but you can play.' When I got off stage, I felt so



Erin Jo Enochs started performing at Stagger's open mic nights at age 18. Enochs said she enjoys the casual atmosphere at Stagger. "This was the first place I played openly," Enochs said. "They let me come in. They're like 'You can't drink, but you can play.' When I got off stage, I felt so elated. It made me want to keep going." | Photo by Rhys Murray/Alestle





I've had kids as young as 9 years old and as old as 80-something come up and play. Everything's accepted. That's what I want. It's different every Sunday...

Butch Moore  
Open mic night host

Host of Stagger's open mic nights, Butch Moore, calls himself the 'oldest young kid,' at Stagger Inn. Moore is a member of a three-piece acoustic set that plays every Sunday before open mic begins. | Photo by Rhys Murray/Alestle

elated. It made me want to keep going. I played 'Sudz Wash Laundromat,' which is about the laundromat here in town. Everybody loved it."

Enochs said the thing she loves most about Stagger is that the atmosphere can be whatever you want it to be.

"I can come here with my friends. We can dress to the nines and have a great time and be all goofy and no one cares," Enoch said. "You can wear jeans and [a] T-shirt and no one cares. You can dance and get down [and] have a rowdy good time or if you want to have a good conversation with someone, like have something meaningful, you can have that too."

Even when Enoch lived in Austin, Texas, visiting the bars there was not the same. She said she still missed Stagger at times. Harper said the laid-back atmosphere that makes everyone comfortable to come in is also what he loves the most about Stagger.

"Everybody's got those hometown bars that they love to go to," Harper said. "This is mine. The cool thing about this place, I think, is that you got your hippies, you got your lawyers, you got your rockers, your punks. Everybody comes in. That's really what I love about this bar."

Since around 1979, there has been an open mic night, Moore said, except for a

brief period in the '80s when Stagger sold and was called Bill's Dugout. Every Sunday an assorted crowd would pile into the bar, but it was not always as packed as Moore expected.

"I can't explain it," Moore said. "Nights I think I'm going to be busy, it's deadier than dirt. Nights I think nobody's going to come out, I sometimes have a hard time getting everybody up."

Moore has had to adapt to the schedules of the crowd, playing his usual 30 minute set to get the night started later and later as times have changed.

"I usually like playing 30 minutes, 45 minutes because a lot of times people don't

start coming in until 10:30 or later for some reason," Moore said. "I used to start at 8:30, but nobody would be here until 9:30 or 10:00, then they didn't start coming in 'til 10:30. They don't want to hear me play."

One thing that is always consistent at Stagger is the turnout of college students, according to Moore.

"This was always a college bar," Moore said. "In the '70s and '80s, all the college kids hung out here and they still do. Usually on Sundays, I'm the oldest one in here. It's the best gig around."

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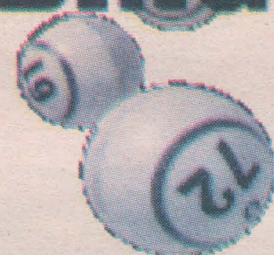
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# Punks and politics

## 'American Idiot' proves musicals are cool

**ASHLEY SEERING**  
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

An hour and a half of non-stop Green Day took over the Peabody stage March 2-4 and verified the fact that Broadway isn't just for old people and theater geeks.

The show was composed of three main story lines, told by the songs of Green Day's "American Idiot" album, mixed in with a few from other records. A live band consisting of keyboards (Jared Stein), guitars (Jason Bozzi, Julian Peterson, Dan Grennes), a cello (Alon Bisk) and drums (Grant Braddock) accompanied the actors.

The first follows Tunny (Jake Epstein), who must stay behind with his pregnant girlfriend (Leslie McDonel) as his friends venture out into the world.

He spends most of the time on a couch, where we see him go through the heartache of love, loss and life.

The second follows Will (Scott Campbell), who loses a leg while fighting in a war. The songs depict his struggle to come to terms with his new reality, while he tries to make the best of his newly shattered life.

The third is the story of Johnny (Van Hughes), who, while

trying to find his life's purpose, falls in and out of love as quickly as he does multiple drug-induced hazes.

The show was composed of little in-between dialogue and a ton of rock 'n' roll, much to my liking. There's nothing worse than going to a musical where the main characters decide to talk for 10 minutes at a time.

"American Idiot" was truly a musical. The story was told strictly by Green Day's lyrics, and, because of the fast-paced nature, I didn't even think about checking my phone or wandering off to find food.

The set stayed the same throughout the entire performance. Actors utilized a couch, ladder and catwalk to depict different scenes. It reminded me of a performance of "Stomp" that I saw in New York City a few years ago. The industrial setting kept things real, and, since it doesn't change, it's easy to get comfortable with the surroundings and truly embrace the story.

"American Idiot" definitely stuck to "keep it simple, stupid," and it paid off.

I would encourage even those who aren't necessarily fans of Green Day or musicals in general to open themselves to this type of grungy performance. The show,



Green Day's rock opera 'American Idiot' took the stage at the Peabody Opera House in St. Louis March 2-4. The performance showcased hits 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams' and 'Wake Me Up When September Ends.' | Photo by Doug Hamilton/CBS

more so than flashy ones, left an impression and really highlights the raw talent of the actors and musicians.

The band stayed true to the Green Day style of playing while

throwing in their own flair and originality. The cello was especially nice in more dramatic songs like "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" and "Last Night on Earth."

I've seen Green Day live in concert, and I'm honestly debating whether or not I enjoyed the musical version of the songs more

than the originals. I tip my hat to Green Day and the entire musical cast for providing a wonderful, rock 'n' roll evening.

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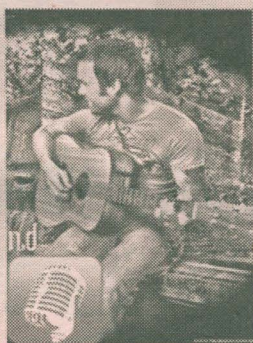
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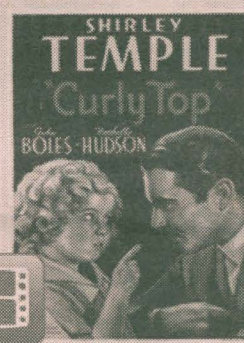
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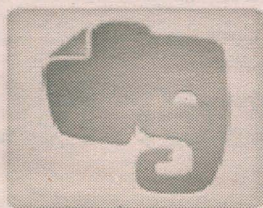


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## Baseball

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Morehead State	9-8	(0-0)
Murray State	8-8	(0-0)
<b>SIUE *</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>
Southeast Missouri	7-10	(0-0)
Eastern Kentucky	6-9	(0-0)
Tennessee Tech	6-10	(0-0)
Eastern Illinois	5-9	(0-0)
UT Martin	3-14	(0-0)
Jacksonville State	2-11	(0-0)

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Morehead State 11, Marshall 8  
**Indiana State 10, SIUE 2**  
Southeast Missouri 10, UALR 7  
Evansville 6, UT Martin 5  
Tennessee Tech 5, Tennessee 1  
Memphis 3, Austin Peay 2

## Mar. 12 results

Iowa 2, Eastern Illinois 1

## Schedule for Mar. 15

Iowa at Jacksonville State  
Bucknell at Eastern Illinois

## Schedule for Mar. 16

Air Force at UT Martin  
Bowling Green at Eastern Kentucky  
Central Michigan at Tenn. Tech  
Austin Peay at Ohio State  
**South Dakota St. at SIUE**  
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## Softball

Eastern Illinois	7-9	(0-3)
<b>SIUE *</b>	<b>7-15</b>	<b>(0-3)</b>
UT Martin	13-9	(3-0)
Eastern Kentucky	6-12	(0-0)
Tennessee State	6-11	(0-3)
Murray State	8-4	(3-0)
Jacksonville State	7-13	(3-0)
Austin Peay	6-11	(0-3)
Tennessee Tech	9-12	(3-0)
Morehead State	6-10	(1-2)
Southeast Missouri	6-12	(2-1)

## Mar. 13 results

Eastern Illinois 8, Alabama A&M 0  
Dayton 5, Eastern Kentucky 3  
Eastern Illinois 8, Savannah State 3  
Dayton 2, Eastern Kentucky 1  
Western Kentucky 1, Tenn. Tech 0

## Mar. 11 results

SE Missouri 9, Morehead State 5  
Jacksonville State 5, E. Illinois 0  
**UT Martin 4, SIUE 3**  
Tennessee Tech 5, Austin Peay 3  
Murray State 10, Tenn. State 0

## Schedule for Mar. 15

SE Missouri at Evansville (DH)  
Eastern Illinois at Belmont (DH)  
**Bradley at SIUE**  
Eastern Illinois at Belmont (DH)  
Jacksonville State at Georgia Tech  
SE Missouri at Evansville (DH)

## Schedule for Mar. 16

Ohio State at Tennessee State

\* SIUE is not eligible for postseason

## SIUE Athletics Upcoming events

Mar. 15	WBB vs. Wright St.	7 p.m.
Mar. 15	SB vs. Bradley	4 p.m.
Mar. 16	BB vs. S. Dakota St.	6 p.m.
Mar. 17	BB vs. S. Dakota St.	1 p.m.
Mar. 17	BB vs. S. Dakota St.	4 p.m.
Mar. 17	SB vs. Austin Peay	1 p.m.
Mar. 17	SB vs. Austin Peay	3 p.m.
Mar. 17	WTN at Austin Peay	2 p.m.
Mar. 17	MTN at Austin Peay	2 p.m.



# Wrestling wins another NCWA title

**GABRIEL SIMPSON**  
Alestle Reporter

Sophomore Brendan Murphy won the 133-pound weight class title at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association tournament. Murphy became the third wrestler in SIUE history to win a national title and it marked the third consecutive year that a Cougar has left the tournament with a title.

According to Murphy, winning the national title justifies the hard work he put in.

"It feels great," Murphy said. "It feels pretty good to be right up there with the best wrestlers in school history."

Murphy finished the season with a 24-4 record.

Head Coach David Ray was not only happy with the fact Murphy won, but also that he did it against some tough competition.

"I am very proud of him," Ray said. "Every year this tournament gets harder. He beat some quality opponents."

Murphy said he did not realize he was only the third wrestler from SIUE to win a national title.

"SIUE has been around for a long time," Murphy said. "It feels awesome to be a part of that."

According to Murphy, assistant coach Donovan McMahon played a large role in helping to win the title.

"If you wanted to get an extra



Sophomore Brendan Murphy (left) wrestles against Buffalo Feb. 19. Murphy won the 133-pound weight class title at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Championships Mar. 10, becoming just the third wrestler in SIUE history to win a national title: 'It feels awesome to be a part of that.'

| Photo by Rhys Murray

workout in, [McMahon] was always there," Murphy said.

Sophomore Deshoun White also placed at the tournament, finishing second in the 174-pound weight class for the second straight year. According to White, finishing second for two consecutive years is not satisfying.

"It's better than nothing, I guess," White said. "Of course I wanted to win first, but finishing second two years in a row at least means I am consistent."

According to White, placing second only makes him hungrier for next season.

"I wanted to win it all this year but it didn't happen for me. I know what to focus on and get ready for next year," White said. "I know that I am heading in the right direction."

Ray said White has the ability to win it all because he is willing to be coached and has a selfless attitude.

"Deshoun has made huge strides the last two years because he

listens," Ray said. "He wants to win for the team more than he wants to win for himself."

According to Ray, the team's success at nationals shows that the team is heading in the right direction.

"We have been improving all season long," Ray said. "We have higher expectations for next season, and I am excited."

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# Women excited to play in WBI

**GABRIEL SIMPSON**  
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE women's basketball team will play in their first Division I postseason tournament on Thursday. The Cougars (18-11 overall, 12-4 Ohio Valley

Conference) will play in the Women's Basketball Invitational and will host the Wright State Raiders (20-12 overall, 12-6 Horizon League).

Making the tournament was great achievement for the team, Levens said.

"We did enough in the regular season to get invited, the team was excited to keep playing," Levens said. "We worked hard every day and got the most out of ourselves."

According to Levens, the team is not going to settle for just

being invited to the tournament.

"We want to represent our school and team well. We want to play hard and see what happens in this tournament," Levens said.

Making their first postseason tournament is another step in the right direction in terms of building the program, Levens said.

"Our team is motivated every day in practice to put our hard work on display," Levens said.

According to Levens, the team is focused on beating Wright State instead of winning the tournament right now.

"We have to keep doing the things that got us here," Levens said. "We have to play well Thursday first and take it one game at a time."

In postseason play, Levens said the team cannot afford to take a play off.

"It is going to be on us to go out there and out-play somebody for 40 minutes," Levens said. "Win or lose, I still think that we are very good team. This time of year it comes down to who is better."

The game will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.

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# Selected capsules for Thursday's NCAA games

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## East Regional

No. 8 Kansas State vs. No. 9 Southern Miss

**Where:** Consol Energy Center, Pittsburgh

**Time:** 12:40 p.m. EDT

**TV:** truTV

**Records:** Kansas State 21-10, Southern Miss 25-8

**How they got here:** Kansas State received an at-large bid out of the Big 12. Southern Miss received an at-large bid out of Conference USA.

**Record vs. NCAA field:** Kansas State 6-8, Southern Miss 5-2

**The buzz:** Neither of these teams is an elegant offensive unit, so expect a lot of defense and physical play. Both teams do a good job in forcing turnovers. K-State's perimeter defense has been lacking at times, and Southern Miss must take advantage. Expect the Golden Eagles to focus on slowing K-State G Rodney McGruder; if he is stymied, Southern Miss' chances for a win increase greatly.

No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 15 Loyola (Md.)

**Where:** Consol Energy Center, Pittsburgh

**Time:** 9:50 p.m.

**TV:** TNT

**Records:** Loyola 24-8, Ohio State 27-7

**How they got here:** Loyola won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tourney. Ohio State received an at-large bid out of the Big Ten.

**Record vs. NCAA field:** Loyola 1-3, Ohio State 10-6

**The buzz:** Loyola sometimes has trouble scoring, and that's not good when you're playing a No. 2 seed. The Greyhounds also can be sloppy with the ball. If Ohio State focuses on getting the ball to Jared Sullinger — sometimes the easiest thing is forgotten — it will roll. The biggest entertainment value from this game should come from the coaches. Ohio State coach Thad Matta is animated on the sideline, but he is a 200-ton block of granite compared

to Loyola's Jimmy Patsos; chances are, Patsos sweats through his coat in the first three minutes.

## South Regional

No. 1 Kentucky vs. No. 16 Western Kentucky

**Where:** Yum! Center, Louisville, Ky.

**Time:** 6:50 p.m.

**TV:** TBS

**How they got here:** Kentucky received an at-large bid out of the SEC. Western Kentucky won the Sun Belt tourney, then beat Mississippi Valley State 59-58 in a play-in game.

**Record vs. NCAA field:** Kentucky 11-2, Western Kentucky 1-4

**The buzz:** This should be the extent of the "keys to the game" section in Kentucky's scouting report: "Show up."

No. 4 Indiana vs. No. 13 New Mexico State

**Where:** Portland, Ore.

**Time:** 9:45 p.m.

**TV:** CBS

**Records:** Indiana 25-8, New Mexico State 26-9

**How they got here:** Indiana received an at-large bid out of the Big Ten. New Mexico State won the WAC tourney.

**Record vs. NCAA field:** Indiana 8-5, New Mexico State 1-3.

**The buzz:** Indiana lost starting PG Verdel Jones to a season-ending knee injury in the Big Ten tourney, and you can be sure the athletic Aggies will look to attack the Hoosiers' guards. New Mexico State's work on the boards also will be important; the Aggies rebounded by almost nine per game, thanks to the work of Wendell McKines, an undersized power forward who can jump out of the gym. Two problems for the Aggies: They aren't that good from 3-point range and they have more turnovers than assists. Assuming IU doesn't become a turnover machine, its offensive efficiency (and its free throw shooting) should carry the day.

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# Men's basketball assistant coach honored by NAIA

**JOHN LAYTON**  
Alestle Sports Editor

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics has selected SIUE men's basketball assistant coach Matt Laur to be part of their 75th anniversary all-star team. He is one of 60 players named to the team. Fifteen coaches were also honored.

Laur played at McKendree University from 2000-2003. He is the all-time leading scorer for the Bearcats with 2,874 points. He also leads the program in blocks with 560.

Laur said being honored like this is exciting and being on the same list with players like former NBA all-stars Earl Monroe and Dennis Rodman is humbling.

"It's definitely a testament to the coaching staff and the teammates I had at McKendree," Laur said. "It's something I'm going to take a lot of pride in."

Head Coach Lennox Forrester said, while he is not familiar with Laur's playing career, he knows he has the characteristics needed to be a

good coach.

"I know he was a very good basketball player as far as being very skilled. He has great basketball IQ," Forrester said. "He does a great job with our players."

Laur said playing at McKendree played a part in getting him to where he is today.

"Just being there and putting in the hard work definitely pays off in all aspects of the game," Laur said.

According to Forrester, Laur's playing career was not the sole reason he was brought onto the staff.

"As I look at the success as a basketball player and see what type of coach he is, I can definitely translate those things to our players now because he's been through it," Forrester said. "His knowledge of basketball and the fact that he can teach the players and help them learn is the reason I brought him on staff with us."

The players and coaches named to the team will be recognized at the NAIA National

Championship March 20 in Kansas City, Mo. Laur said he is hopeful some of those former NBA players will be able to make it to the ceremony.

"It'd be exciting to meet some of those guys like [Willis] Reed, [Jack] Sikma and Rodman," Laur said.

Also named to the team as a coach was McKendree Head Coach Harry Statham, Laur's former coach.

"Coach Statham is obviously a hall of fame coach. When it's all said and done, he'll be in the [Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame]," Laur said. "He and I stayed in close contact and I'm looking forward to spending some time with him out there."

It does not seem possible, Laur said, that his playing career ended in 2003.

"Time goes by fast. This time in 2003, my career was ending," Laur said. "It was definitely a very special time."

According to Laur, the success he achieved during his playing career at McKendree has given him a drive and passion to



Assistant Coach Matt Laur was named to the NAIA 75th anniversary all-star team: 'It's something I'm going to take a lot of pride in.'

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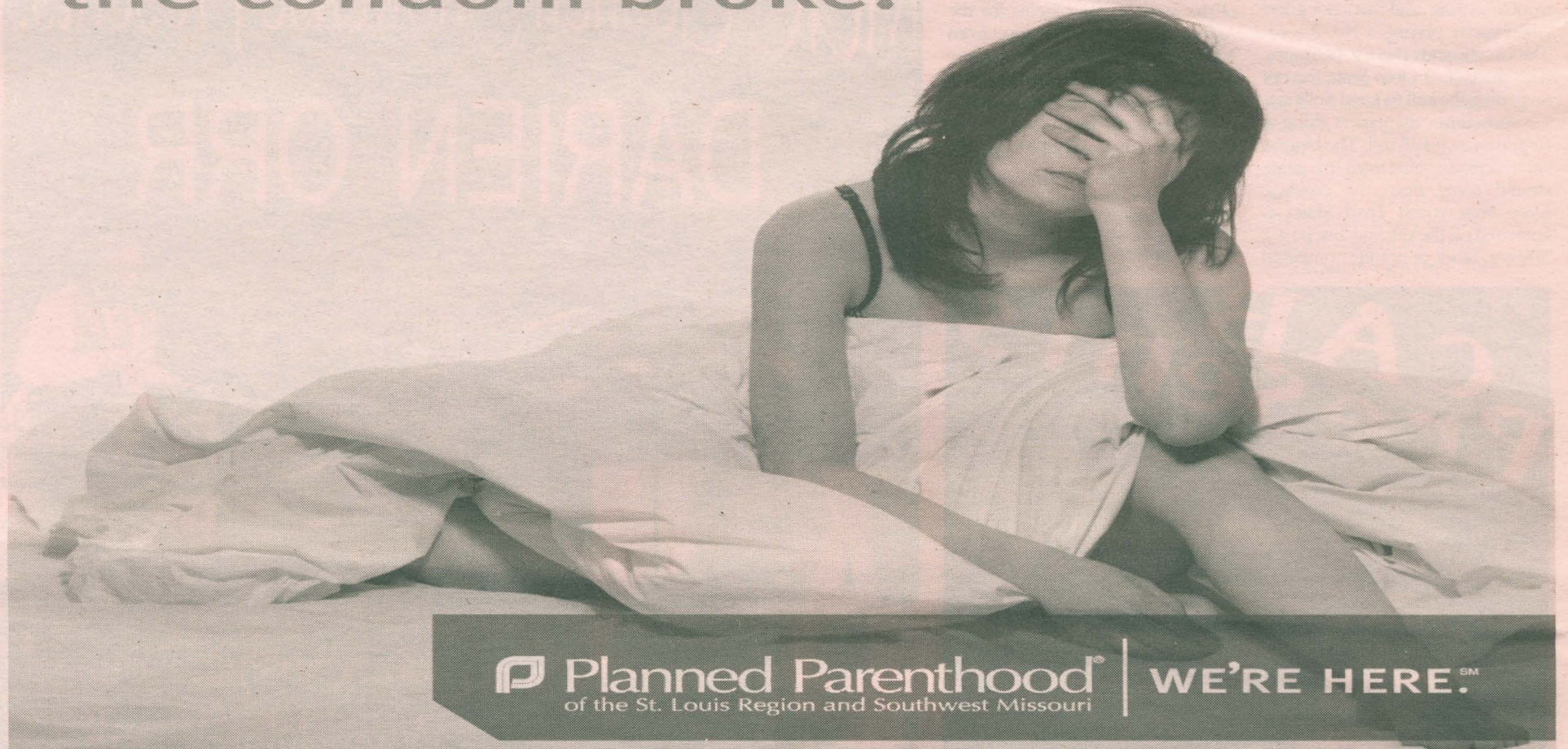
help the student-athletes at SIUE experience the same.

"That's why I'm in the business," Laur said, "to help young men reach their full

potential not only as athletes, but in the classroom as well."

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# Women lose to Arkansas

**GABRIEL SIMPSON**  
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The SIUE women's basketball team lost their final regular season game 75-37 to the Arkansas Razorbacks on Thursday. The Cougars finished the regular season 18-11 overall and 12-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference, good for third in the league.

Before the Cougars took the court, seniors Melia Duncan and Madison Meade were recognized in front of the home crowd for senior night. The two seniors expressed their gratitude to their coaches, teammates and the fans for their support through the years.

According to Head Coach Amanda Levens, both players overcame many obstacles in their careers at SIUE.

"They are just tough, and they have been through so much with our program," Levens said. "I admire their perseverance and commitment to the program.

They were never selfish."

The program has made big strides to be where it is today thanks to the two seniors, Levens said.

"Madison has played a bunch of games and didn't get many minutes this year, but she has continued to be a great leader," Levens said. "They both represent what we want our student-athletes to be, and without their toughness, our program would never be where it is."

After the recognition of the seniors, the Cougars were ready to take on the visiting Razorbacks (23-8 overall, 10-6 SEC) and played tough early in the game. The Cougars trailed by seven until the Razorbacks went on a 17-0 run. The Cougars went into halftime trailing by 25.

Offensively, the Cougars could muster only 13 points during the first half. The Razorbacks held the Cougars to 18 percent shooting.

According to Levens, the

team did not play well enough to beat the Razorbacks.

"Arkansas is a very good team and, in my opinion, they will get a pretty good seed in the NCAA tournament," Levens said.

The second half was much of the same thing. The Cougars could never get into a rhythm offensively as the Razorbacks defense caused the Cougars fits, Levens said.

"Their length and athleticism caused us problems from the beginning," Levens said. "It took us a while to get into our offense with their press defense."

According to Levens, the Razorbacks' talented guards caused match up problems.

"We didn't match up well. A couple of their guards were 6 [feet tall] and tremendous athletes," Levens said. "They were just really long on the perimeter."

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

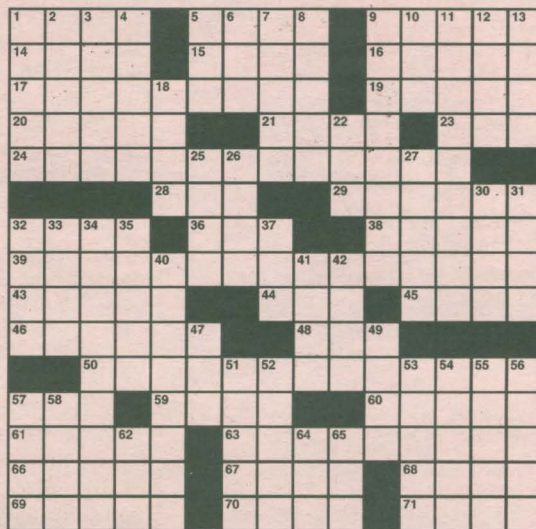
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- 19 Actress Kelly
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- 32 Marbles competition
- 36 Get out in the open
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- 39 "Too-small quantity
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- 46 Deeply rooted
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- 50 "1959 Monroe classic
- 57 "Go team!"
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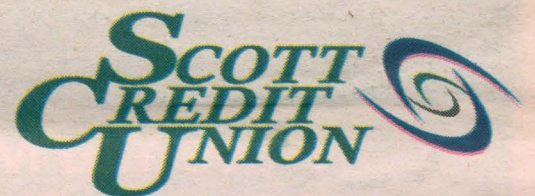
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